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REMARKS

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2. Detachments of 20 to 50 men received combat training in the area south of the installation, and record practices with rifles, pistols and submachine guns were held at the target ranges. Training activity observed in the area of the installation was limited to training with 37-mm and 85-mm AA guns. Training with artillery fire control directors was presumably held near the sheds which were protected from observation. 25X1

3. On 7 December, 15 x 37-mm and 85-mm AA guns, an undetermined number of trucks and items of equipment, and about 80 AA artillerymen were entrained at the Pasewalk railroad station. this unit came from this installation and was allegedly the cadre for a new unit. 25X1

4. On 8 December, 200 recruits were observed arriving at the Kavallerie Kaserne.

5. The Henschel Magazin (depot) was occupied to capacity by 37-mm and 85-mm AA guns, artillery fire control directors and radio trucks. The former stables in the area of the installation also housed guns and several items of equipment.

6. On about 4 December, soldiers commenced laying an underground cable, about 10 centimeters in diameter, from the installation toward Neubrandenburg.

7. From 1 November to 2 December, two units which were commanded by Fritzler (fnu) and Muehle (fnu) were stationed at Camp Fuenfeichen. The installation quartered an estimated total of 500 men, with the unit commanded by Fritzler slightly outnumbering the unit commanded by Muehle. Two hundred men of the Muehle unit were daily detached as potato harvesters to the neighboring farms. Captain Fritzler's deputy was Senior Lieutenant Paetzold (fnu). Soldiers of the units said that discharges were not yet fully effected as 25X1

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8. In November, formal training and training with 5 or 6 pontons was held on the neighboring pond. All garages were filled to capacity with trucks. Another 40 trucks were parked in the yard. Allegedly there was a total of 120 trucks at the site. Forty-five pontons were observed in the yard, and 20 more pontons were stored in a storage shed. 25X1

1. Comment. This barracks installation quarters the headquarters, the signal battalion and the AAA regiment of Armeegruppe Nord. 25X1

2. Comment. It is believed that the shipment mentioned in the present report is identical to the shipment from RBD Greifswald to Strausberg which has been reported. The shipment from Hoppenwald and Pasewalk to RBD Berlin which was observed on 6 December possibly also consisted of AAA units whose destination was the Strausberg railroad station. AAA units have also been shipped from Potsdam to Strausberg on and perhaps before 28 November. These reports tend to indicate that an AAA unit is being activated in the Strausberg area, although, prior to 16 December, no reports from the Eggersdorf installation have mentioned the arrival of AA Artillerymen. 25X1

3. Comment. The unit commanded by Fritzier is the engineer battalion of Armeegruppe Nord, while the unit commanded by Hahle is the engineer battalion of Motorized Rifle Division Prenzlau. Although discharges have apparently not been compensated for prior to 2 December, it is believed that the estimate of the total strength of the two units has probably not taken into consideration the harvesting crews which have been detached in November, possibly for a long period. [redacted] estimated the strength of the units at 650 men on 31 October. The number of the pontons observed agrees with the status reported as of 31 October. Since the number of 120 trucks for the two engineer battalions slightly exceeds the status assumed for the summer of 1954 it is believed that, in the mean time, the battalions, as it has been the case with other units, have been supplied with new trucks. Senior Lieutenant Petzold or Petzold has been mentioned in previous reports. 25X1

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